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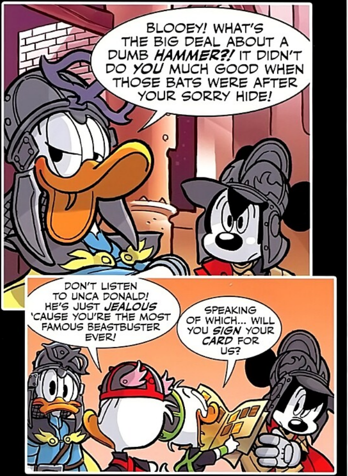
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SPEAKING OF WHICH... WILL YOU *SIGN* YOUR *CARD* FOR US?

Welcome to a new world—the parallel Disney world of **Feudarnia!** Part pirates' cove, part space station, and part steampunk battlefield, it might exist in the past... or the future! But either way, it's an amazing home for our **Duckburg and Mouseton** stars—full of magic, malice, and a front-and-center spot for one unlucky Duck!

Come on in and explore...

The townships! Feudarnia is a miniature galaxy as the ancient Vikings might have dreamed it; so instead of full-size planets, it's got floating islands, each ruled by an elder Disney statesman. Scrooge McDuck is Burgomaster of *Duckburgh*, while his two rival tycoons—stingy Flintheart Glomgold and spendthrift John D. Rockerduck—run *Greedburgh* and *Rockburgh*. And Feudarnia lawman Chief O'Hara runs *Mouseburgh*, because our ol' pal Mickey is here too... usually when Donald Duck wants to see him least!

But why *doesn't* Donald want to see Mickey? They're not rivals in managing band concerts or orphans' benefits this time. Instead our boys are competing to put down...

A monster invasion! "Great howlin' crashwagons," as Scrooge always says—the *Meteorbeasts are coming!* They've made daily life in Feudarnia into a war. And it'll take *real* howling crashwagons... or Busterbots, as we call them, to bust these beasts and send them packing! The Bots' riders, or *Beastbusters*, have become such local heroes that there's even a card game based around them.

But how's that gonna work? Eyes right, and let the adventure begin...

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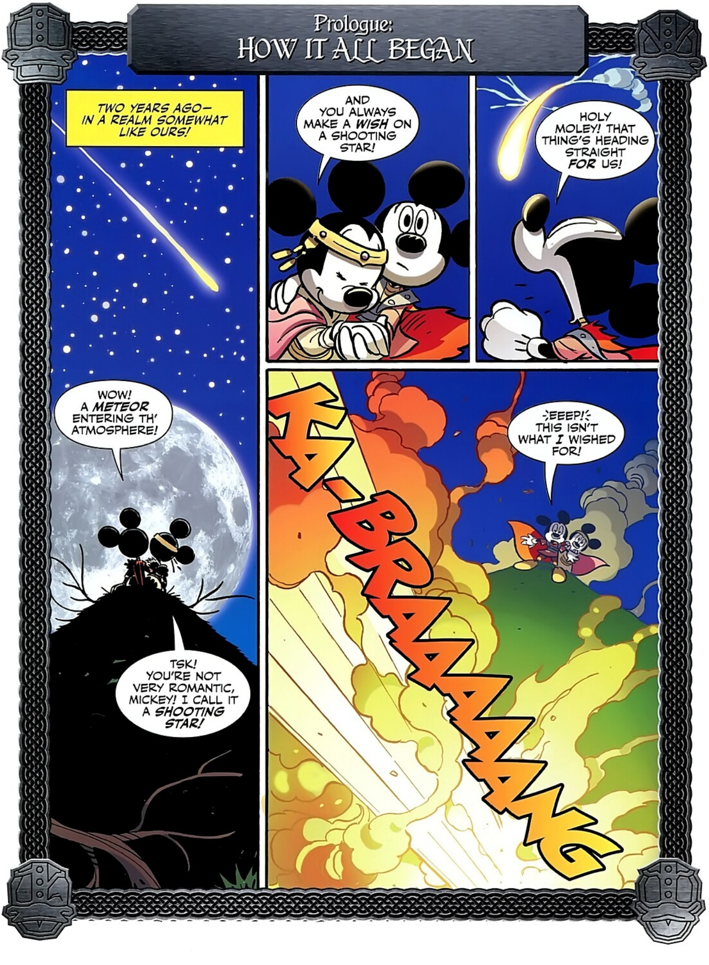
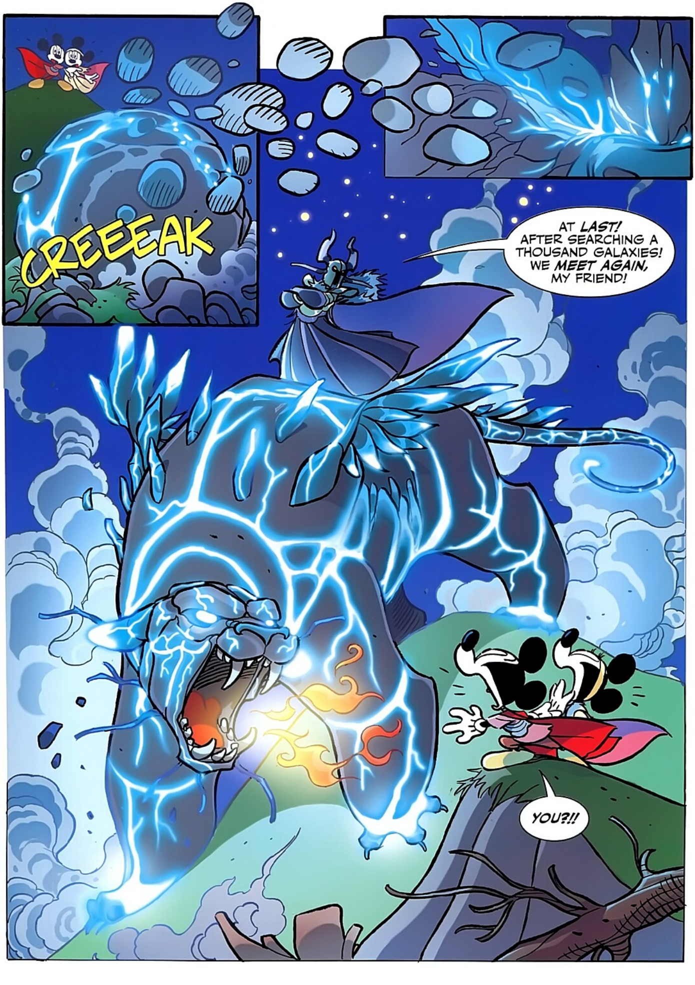
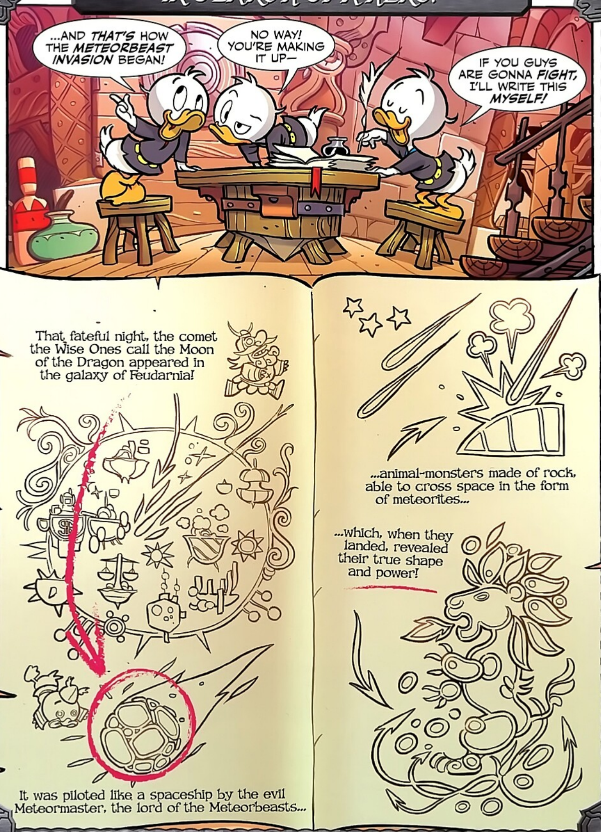
Prologue:

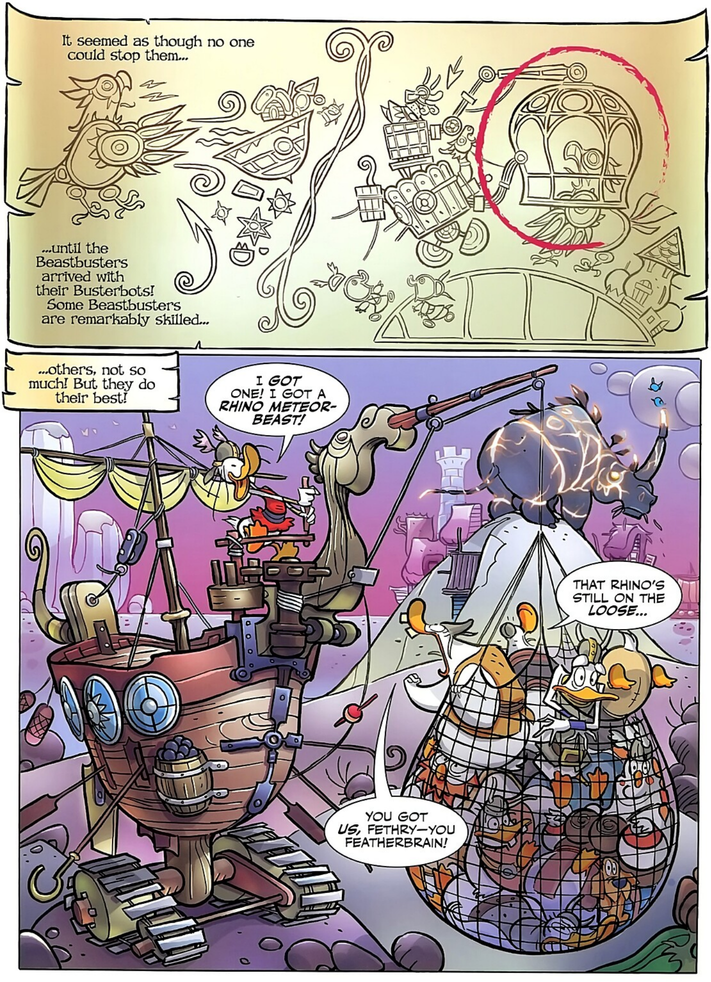
HOW IT ALL BEGAN

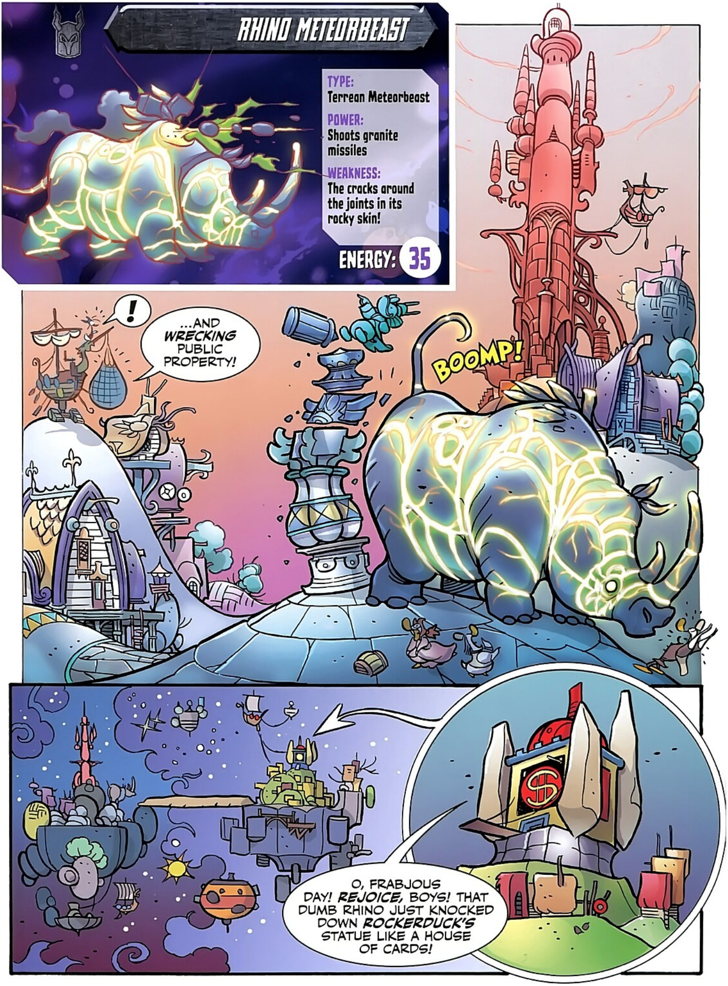

TWO YEARS AGO— IN A REALM SOMEWHAT LIKE OURS!
AND YOU ALWAYS MAKE A WISH ON A SHOOTING STAR!
HOLY MOLEY! THAT THING'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US!
WOW! A METEOR ENTERING TH' ATMOSPHERE!
TSK! YOU'RE NOT VERY ROMANTIC, MICKEY! I CALL IT A SHOOTING STAR!
KA-BRAAAAAANG
EEEP! THIS ISN'T WHAT I WISHED FOR!

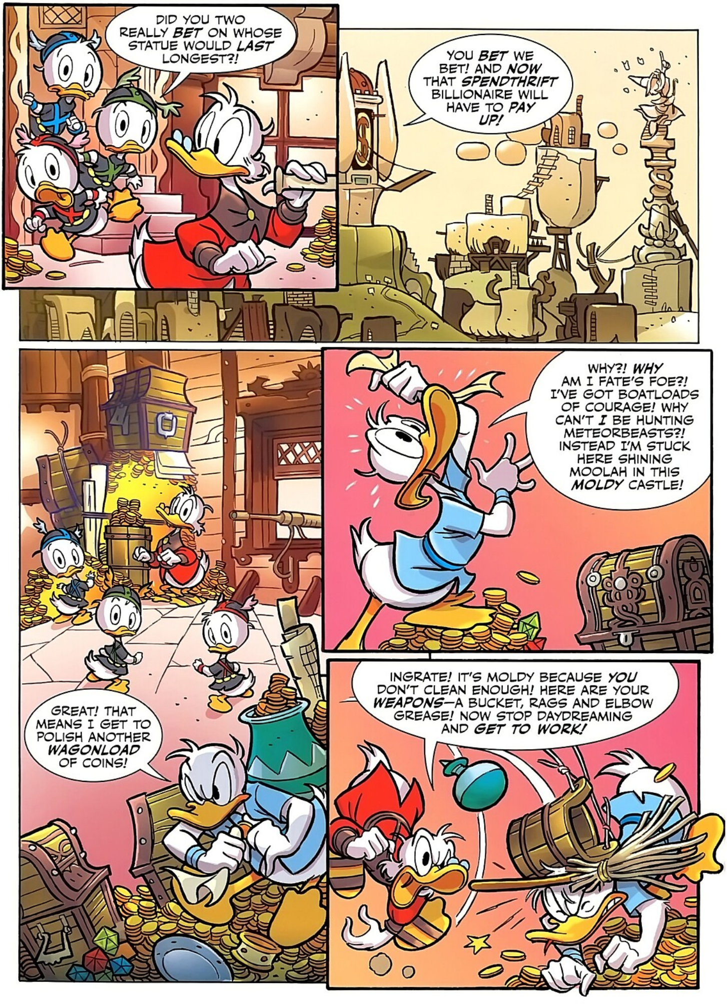

CREEEAK
AT LAST! AFTER SEARCHING A THOUSAND GALAXIES! WE MEET AGAIN, MY FRIEND!
YOU?!!

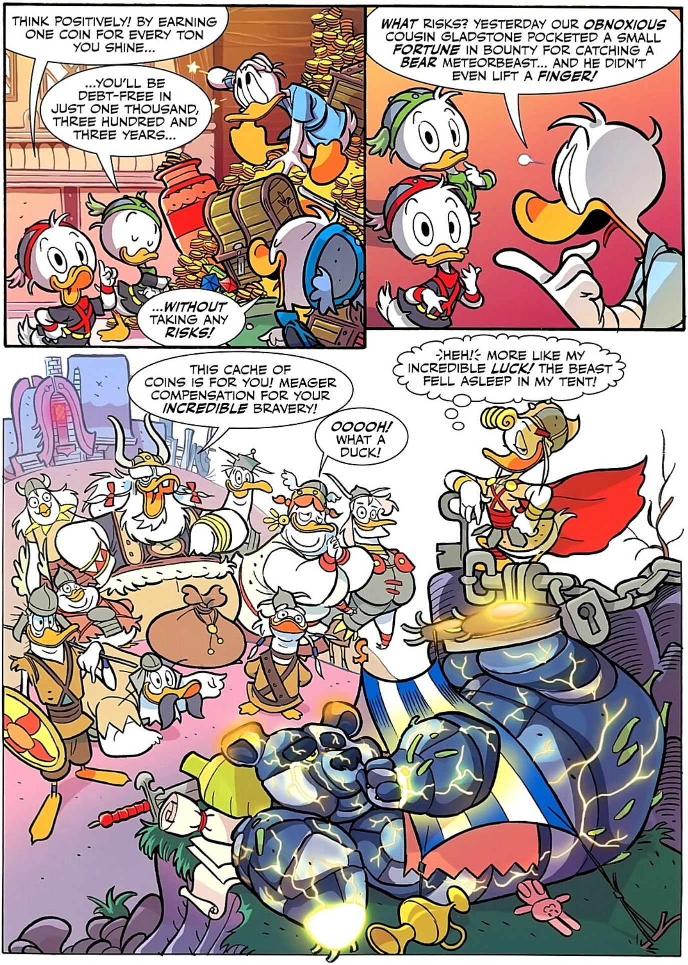
Chapter 1
IN SEARCH OF A HERO!

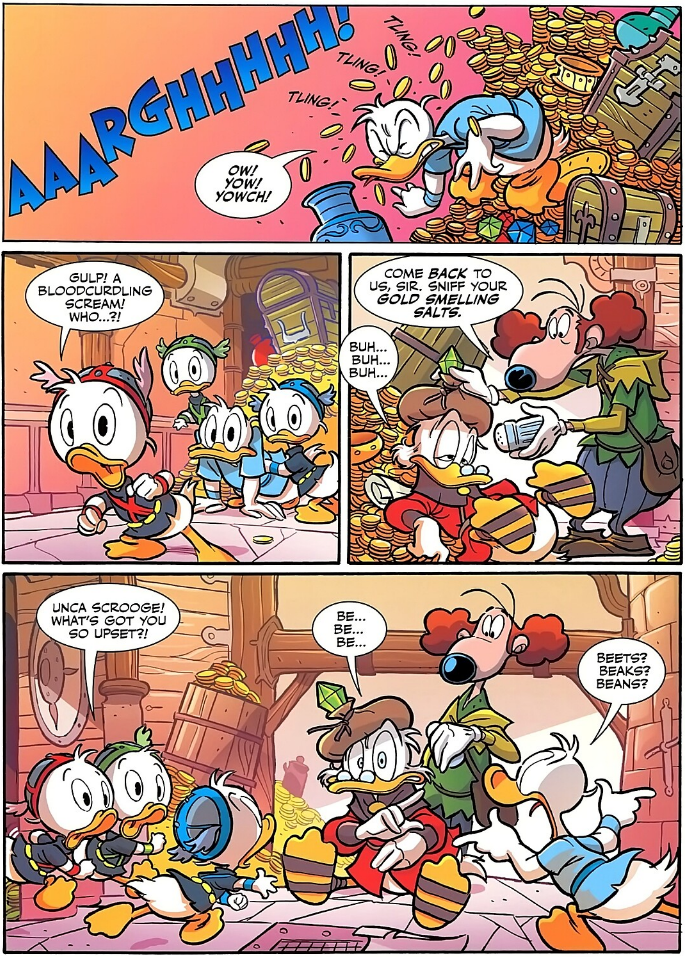

...AND *THAT'S* HOW THE *METEORBEAST INVASION* BEGAN!
NO WAY! YOU'RE MAKING IT UP—
IF YOU GUYS ARE GONNA *FIGHT*, I'LL WRITE THIS *MYSELF!*
That fateful night, the comet the Wise Ones call the Moon of the Dragon appeared in the galaxy of Feudarnia!
It was piloted like a spaceship by the evil Meteormaster, the lord of the Meteorbeasts...
...animal-monsters made of rock, able to cross space in the form of meteorites...
...which, when they landed, revealed their true shape and power!

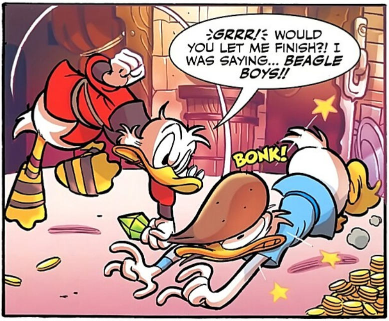

It seemed as though no one could stop them...
...until the Beastbusters arrived with their Busterbots! Some Beastbusters are remarkably skilled...
...others, not so much! But they do their best!
I *GOT* ONE! I GOT A *RHINO METEOR-BEAST!*
THAT RHINO'S STILL ON THE *LOOSE...*
YOU GOT *US,* FETHRY—YOU FEATHERBRAIN!

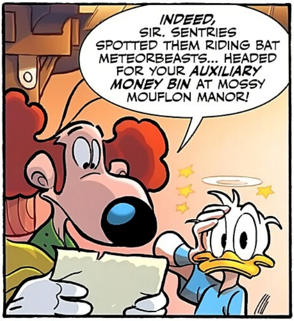

RHINO METEORBEAST
TYPE:
Terrean Meteorbeast
POWER:
Shoots granite missiles
WEAKNESS:
The cracks around the joints in its rocky skin!
ENERGY: 35
!
...AND WRECKING PUBLIC PROPERTY!
BOOMP!
O, FRABJOUS DAY! REJOICE, BOYS! THAT DUMB RHINO JUST KNOCKED DOWN ROCKERDUCK'S STATUE LIKE A HOUSE OF CARDS!

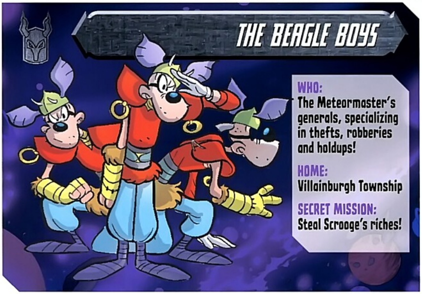

DID YOU TWO REALLY *BET* ON WHOSE STATUE WOULD *LAST* LONGEST?!
YOU *BET* WE BET! AND *NOW* THAT *SPENDTHRIFT* BILLIONAIRE WILL HAVE TO *PAY UP!*
GREAT! THAT MEANS I GET TO POLISH ANOTHER *WAGONLOAD* OF COINS!
WHY?! *WHY* AM I FATE'S FOE?! I'VE GOT BOATLOADS OF COURAGE! WHY CAN'T *I* BE HUNTING METEORBEASTS?! INSTEAD I'M STUCK HERE SHINING MOOLAH IN THIS *MOLDY* CASTLE!
INGRATE! IT'S MOLDY BECAUSE *YOU* DON'T CLEAN ENOUGH! HERE ARE YOUR *WEAPONS*—A BUCKET, RAGS AND ELBOW GREASE! NOW STOP DAYDREAMING AND *GET TO WORK!*


THINK POSITIVELY! BY EARNING ONE COIN FOR EVERY TON YOU SHINE...
...YOU'LL BE DEBT-FREE IN JUST ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND THREE YEARS...
...*WITHOUT* TAKING ANY *RISKS!*
WHAT RISKS? YESTERDAY OUR *OBNOXIOUS* COUSIN GLADSTONE POCKETED A SMALL *FORTUNE* IN BOUNTY FOR CATCHING A *BEAR* METEORBEAST... AND HE DIDN'T EVEN LIFT A *FINGER!*
THIS CACHE OF COINS IS FOR YOU! MEAGER COMPENSATION FOR YOUR *INCREDIBLE* BRAVERY!
OOOOH! WHAT A DUCK!
HEH! MORE LIKE MY INCREDIBLE *LUCK!* THE BEAST FELL ASLEEP IN MY TENT!


AAARGHHHHH!
TLING!
TLING!
TLING!
OW! YOW! YOWCH!
GULP! A BLOODCURDLING SCREAM! WHO...?!
COME BACK TO US, SIR. SNIFF YOUR GOLD SMELLING SALTS.
BUH... BUH... BUH...
UNCA SCROOGE! WHAT'S GOT YOU SO UPSET?!
BE... BE... BE...
BEETS? BEAKS? BEANS?


GRRR! WOULD YOU LET ME FINISH?! I WAS SAYING... *BEAGLE BOYS!!*
BONK!

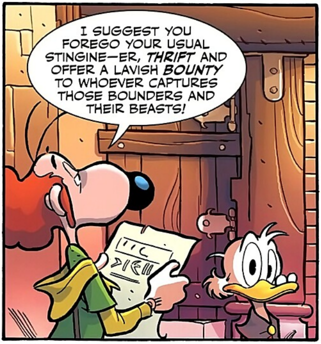

INDEED, SIR. SENTRIES SPOTTED THEM RIDING BAT METEORBEASTS... HEADED FOR YOUR *AUXILIARY MONEY BIN* AT MOSSY MOUFLON MANOR!

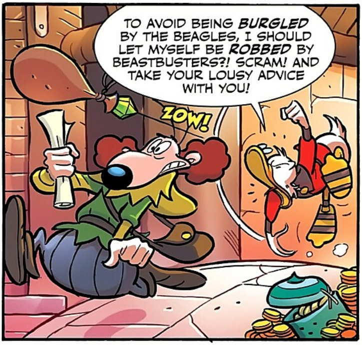

THE BEAGLE BOYS

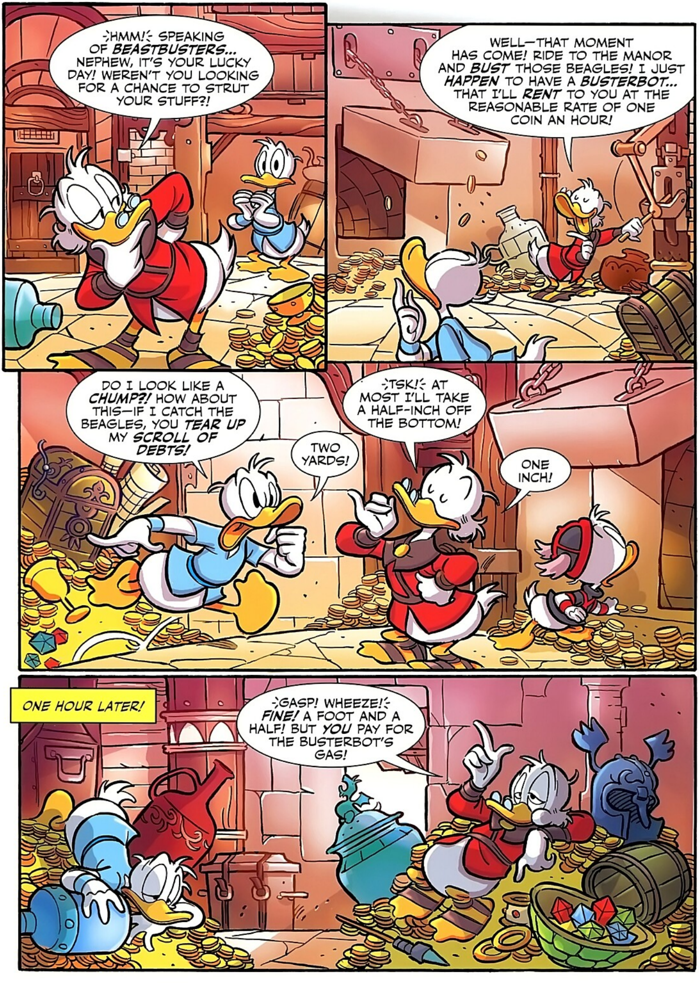
WHO:
The Meteormaster's generals, specializing in thefts, robberies and holdups!

HOME:
Villainburgh Township

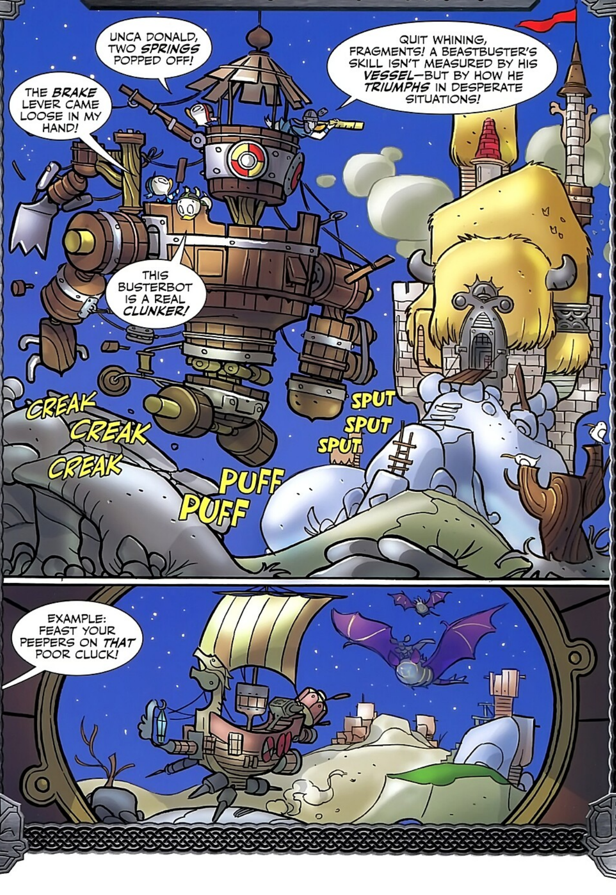
SECRET MISSION:
Steal Scrooge's riches!

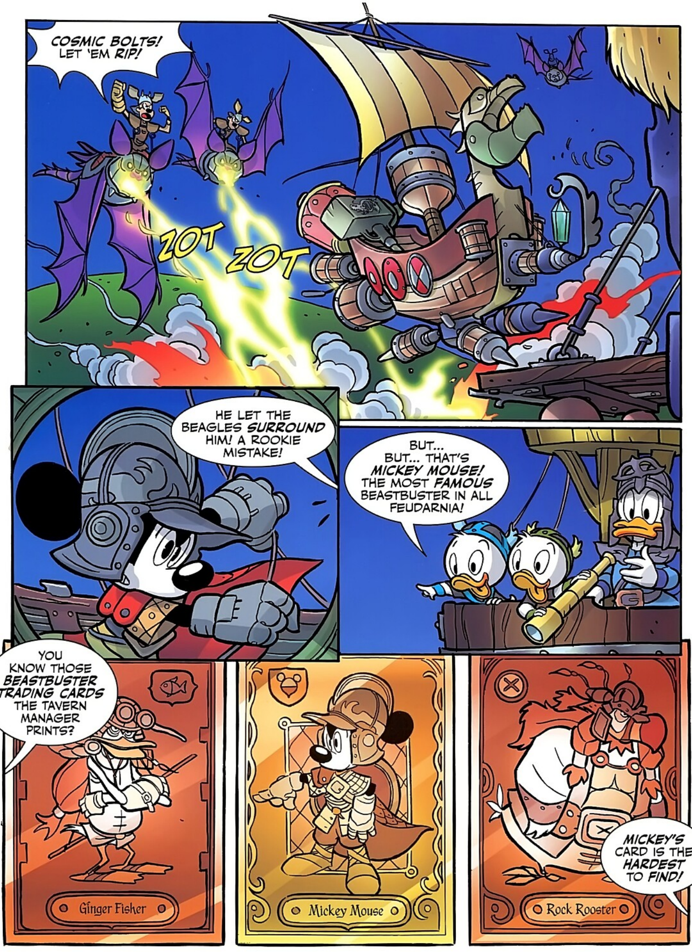

I SUGGEST YOU FOREGO YOUR USUAL STINGINE—ER, *THRIFT* AND OFFER A LAVISH *BOUNTY* TO WHOEVER CAPTURES THOSE BOUNDERS AND THEIR BEASTS!

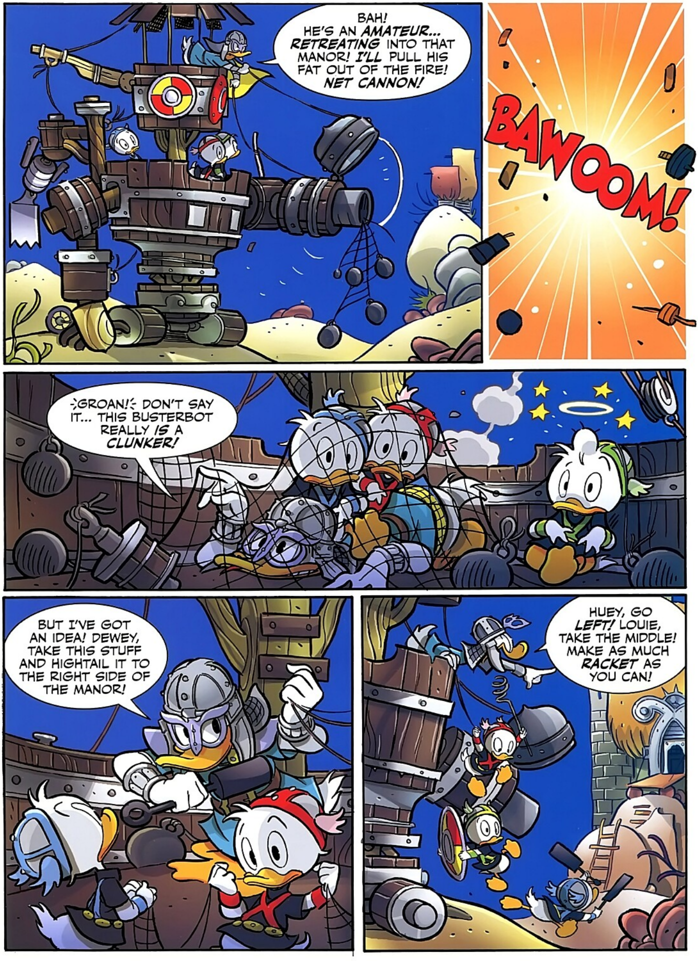

TO AVOID BEING *BURGLED* BY THE BEAGLES, I SHOULD LET MYSELF BE *ROBBED* BY BEASTBUSTERS?! SCRAM! AND TAKE YOUR LOUSY ADVICE WITH YOU!
ZOW!

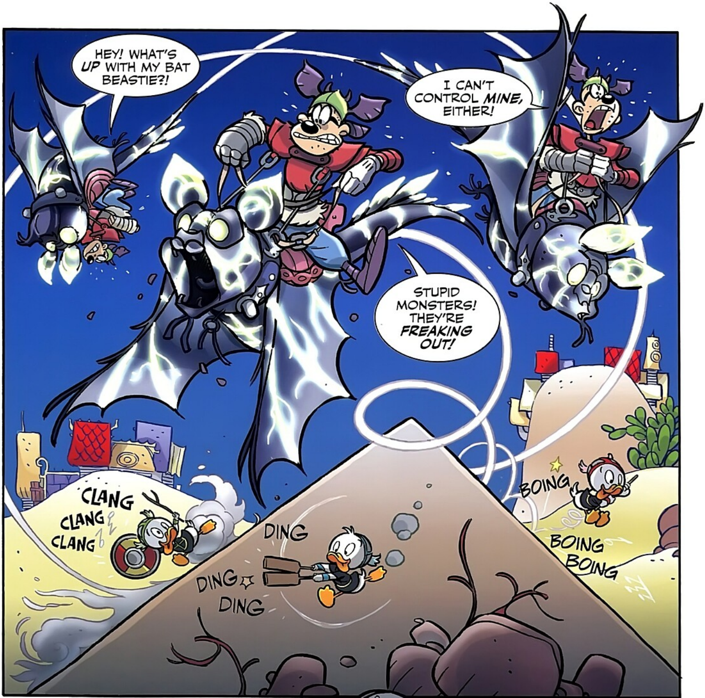

:HMM!: SPEAKING OF *BEASTBUSTERS...* NEPHEW, IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY! WEREN'T YOU LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO STRUT YOUR STUFF?!
WELL—THAT MOMENT HAS COME! RIDE TO THE MANOR AND *BUST* THOSE BEAGLES! I JUST *HAPPEN* TO HAVE A *BUSTERBOT...* THAT I'LL *RENT* TO YOU AT THE REASONABLE RATE OF ONE COIN AN HOUR!
DO I LOOK LIKE A *CHUMP?!* HOW ABOUT THIS—IF I CATCH THE BEAGLES, YOU *TEAR UP* MY *SCROLL OF DEBTS!*
:TSK!: AT MOST I'LL TAKE A HALF-INCH OFF THE BOTTOM!
TWO YARDS!
ONE INCH!
ONE HOUR LATER!
:GASP! WHEEZE!: *FINE!* A FOOT AND A HALF! BUT *YOU* PAY FOR THE BUSTERBOT'S GAS!

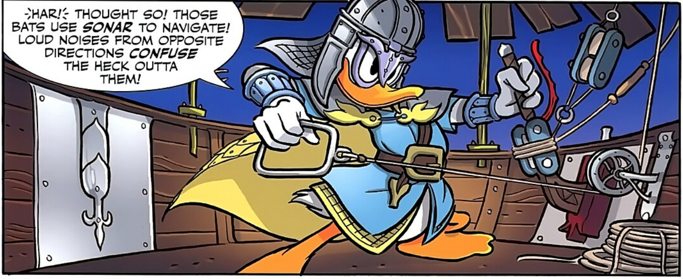
Chapter 2
THE BATTLE OF THE MANOR

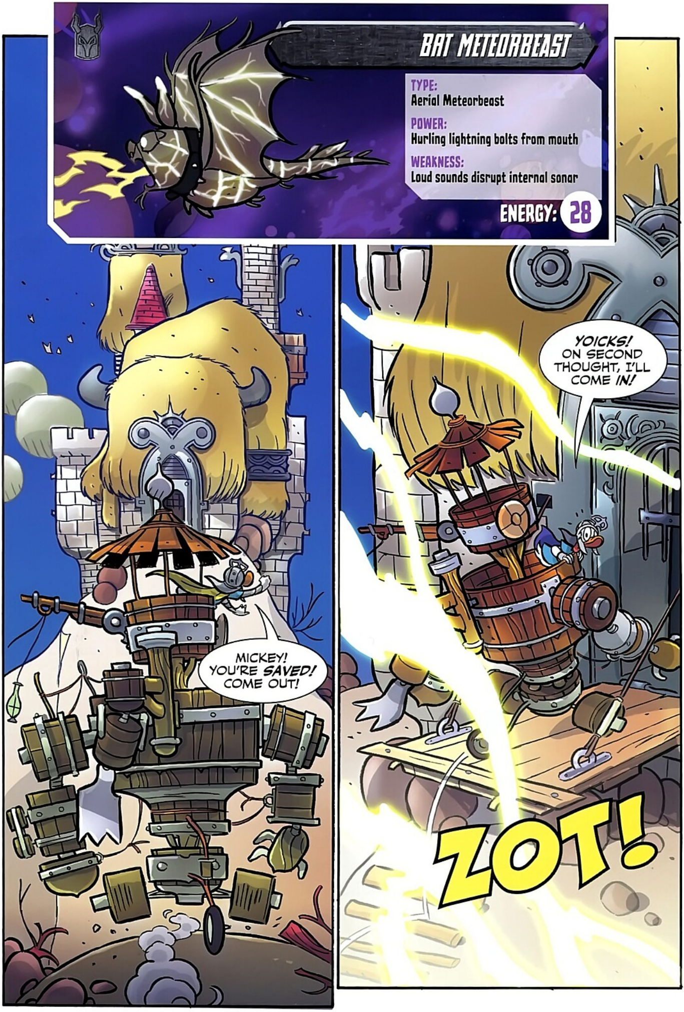

UNCA DONALD, TWO *SPRINGS* POPPED OFF!
THE *BRAKE* LEVER CAME LOOSE IN MY HAND!
QUIT WHINING, FRAGMENTS! A BEASTBUSTER'S SKILL ISN'T MEASURED BY HIS *VESSEL*—BUT BY HOW HE *TRIUMPHS* IN DESPERATE SITUATIONS!
THIS BUSTERBOT IS A REAL *CLUNKER!*
CREAK CREAK CREAK
SPUT SPUT SPUT
PUFF PUFF
EXAMPLE: FEAST YOUR PEEPERS ON *THAT* POOR CLUCK!


COSMIC BOLTS! LET 'EM RIP!
ZOT ZOT
HE LET THE BEAGLES SURROUND HIM! A ROOKIE MISTAKE!
BUT... BUT... THAT'S MICKEY MOUSE! THE MOST FAMOUS BEASTBUSTER IN ALL FEUDARNIA!
YOU KNOW THOSE BEASTBUSTER TRADING CARDS THE TAVERN MANAGER PRINTS?
Ginger Fisher
Mickey Mouse
Rock Rooster
MICKEY'S CARD IS THE HARDEST TO FIND!


BAH! HE'S AN *AMATEUR...* ***RETREATING*** INTO THAT MANOR! ***I'LL*** PULL HIS FAT OUT OF THE FIRE! ***NET CANNON!***
BAWOOM!
-GROAN!- DON'T SAY IT... THIS BUSTERBOT REALLY *IS* A ***CLUNKER!***
BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA! DEWEY, TAKE THIS STUFF AND HIGHTAIL IT TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE MANOR!
HUEY, GO ***LEFT!*** LOUIE, TAKE THE MIDDLE! MAKE AS MUCH ***RACKET*** AS YOU CAN!


HEY! WHAT'S *UP* WITH MY BAT BEASTIE?!
I CAN'T CONTROL *MINE*, EITHER!
STUPID MONSTERS! THEY'RE *FREAKING OUT!*
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
DING
DING
DING
BOING
BOING
BOING


HAR! THOUGHT SO! THOSE BATS USE *SONAR* TO NAVIGATE! LOUD NOISES FROM OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS *CONFUSE* THE HECK OUTTA THEM!



BAT METEORBEAST

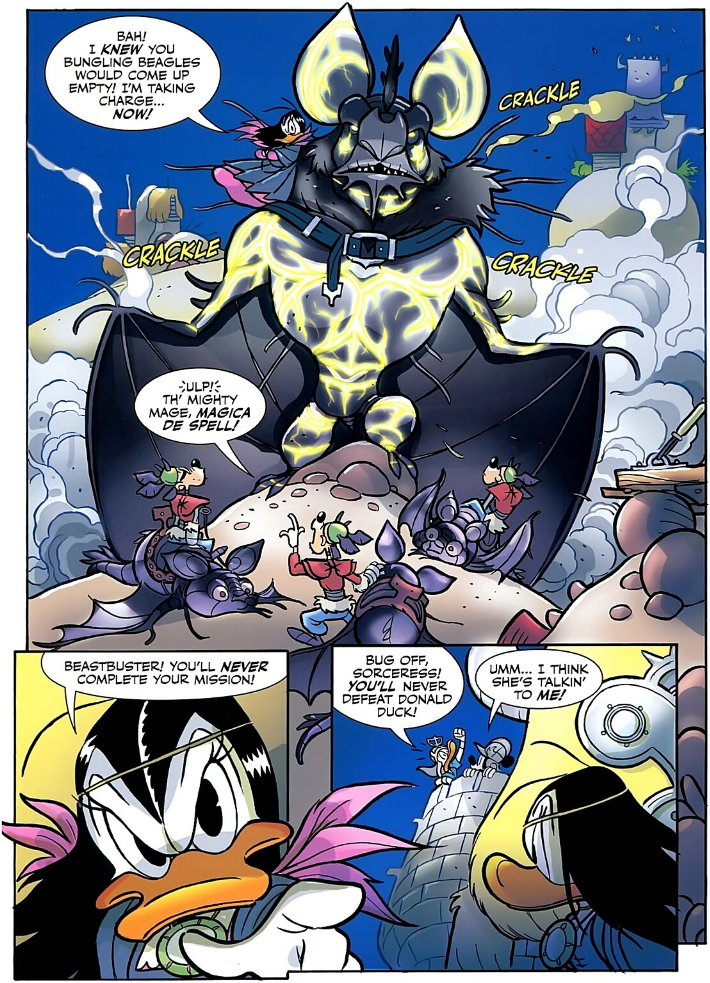
TYPE:
Aerial Meteorbeast

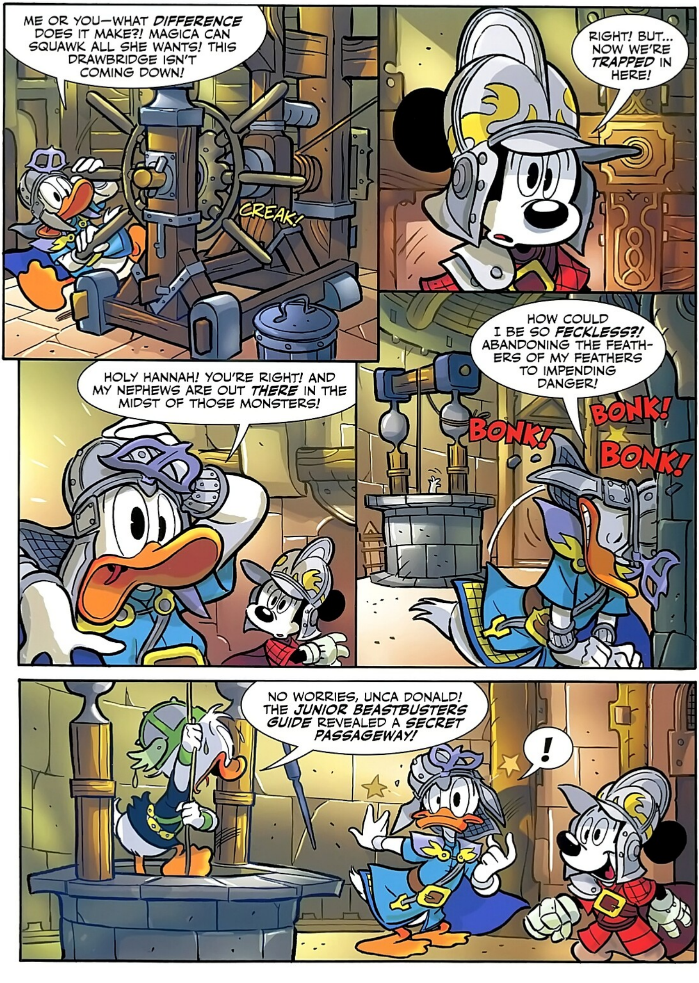
POWER:
Hurling lightning bolts from mouth

WEAKNESS:
Loud sounds disrupt internal sonar

ENERGY: 28

MICKEY! YOU'RE *SAVED!* COME OUT!
YOICKS! ON SECOND THOUGHT, I'LL COME *IN!*
ZOT!


BAH! I *KNEW* YOU BUNGLING BEAGLES WOULD COME UP EMPTY! I'M TAKING CHARGE... *NOW!*
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
ULP! TH' MIGHTY MAGE, *MAGICA DE SPELL!*
BEASTBUSTER! YOU'LL *NEVER* COMPLETE YOUR MISSION!
BUG OFF, SORCERESS! *YOU'LL* NEVER DEFEAT DONALD DUCK!
UMM... I THINK SHE'S TALKIN' TO *ME!*


ME OR YOU—WHAT *DIFFERENCE* DOES IT MAKE?! MAGICA CAN SQUAWK ALL SHE WANTS! THIS DRAWBRIDGE ISN'T COMING DOWN!
CREAK!
RIGHT! BUT... NOW WE'RE *TRAPPED* IN HERE!
HOLY HANNAH! YOU'RE RIGHT! AND MY NEPHEWS ARE OUT *THERE* IN THE MIDST OF THOSE MONSTERS!
HOW COULD I BE SO *FECKLESS?!* ABANDONING THE FEATHERS OF MY FEATHERS TO IMPENDING DANGER!
BONK!
BONK!
BONK!
NO WORRIES, UNCA DONALD! THE *JUNIOR BEASTBUSTERS GUIDE* REVEALED A *SECRET PASSAGEWAY!*
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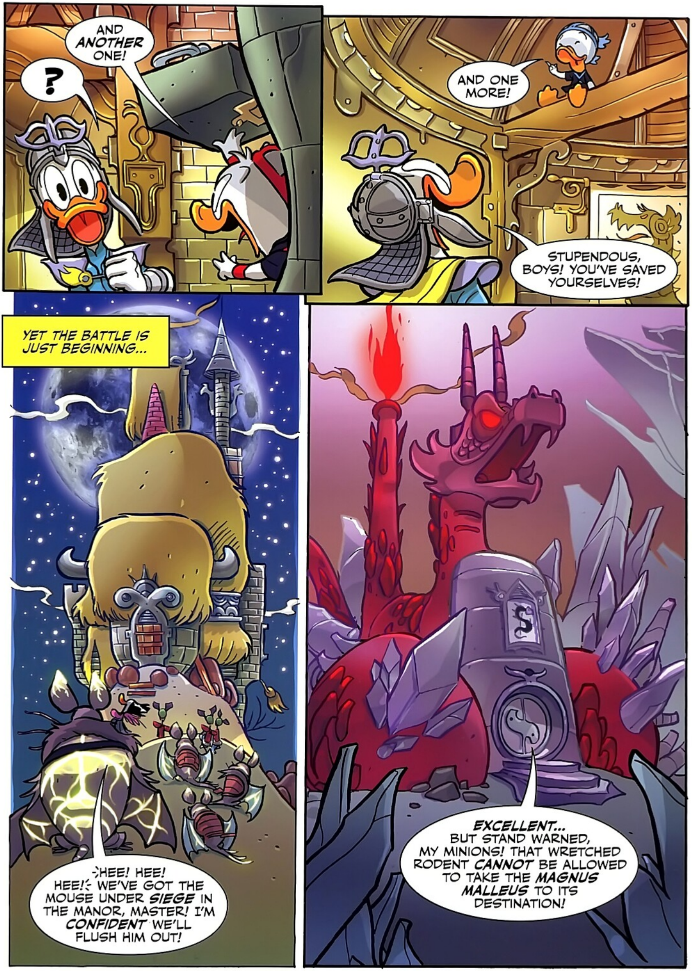
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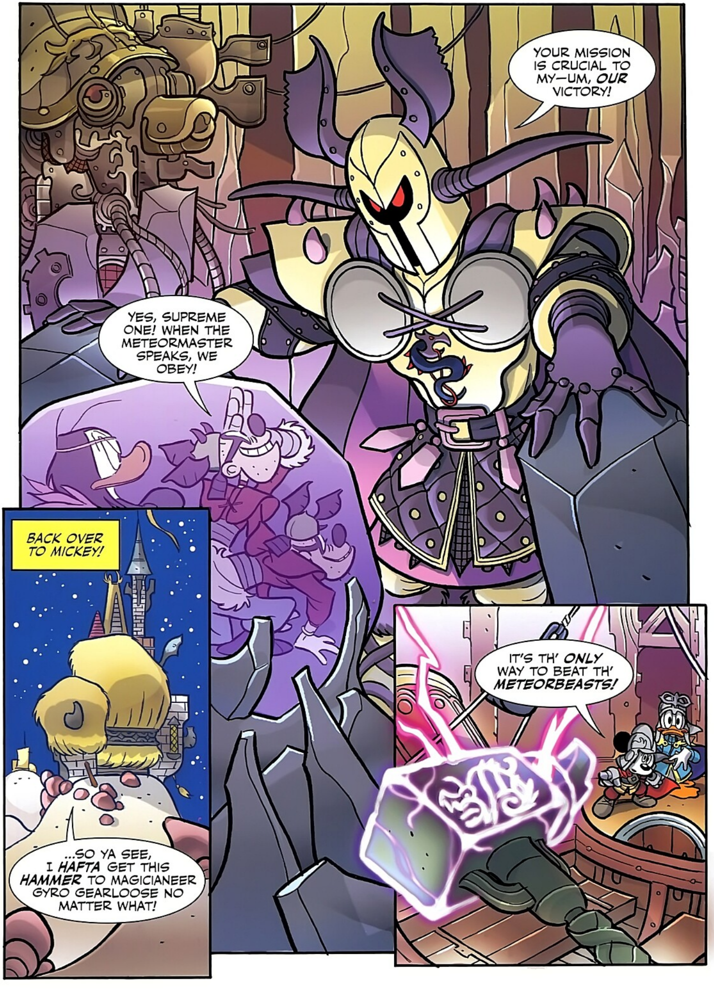
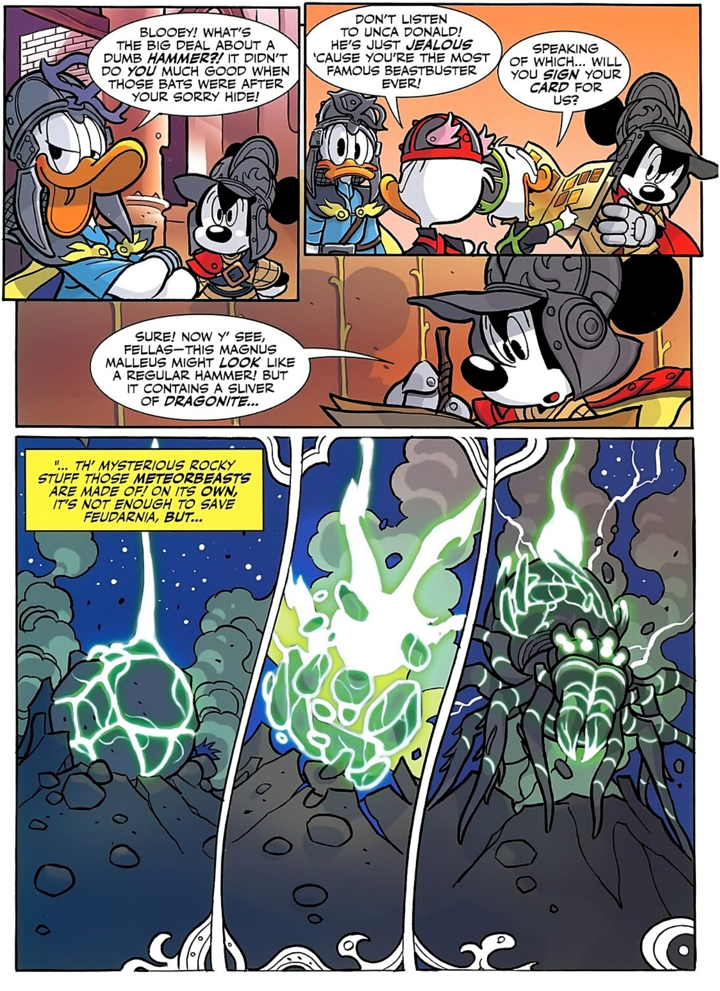
AND *ANOTHER* ONE!
AND ONE MORE!
STUPENDOUS, BOYS! YOU'VE SAVED YOURSELVES!
YET THE BATTLE IS JUST BEGINNING...
HEE! HEE! HEE! WE'VE GOT THE MOUSE UNDER *SIEGE* IN THE MANOR, MASTER! I'M *CONFIDENT* WE'LL FLUSH HIM OUT!
EXCELLENT... BUT STAND WARNED, MY MINIONS! THAT WRETCHED RODENT *CANNOT* BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE *MAGNUS MALLEUS* TO ITS DESTINATION!


YOUR MISSION IS CRUCIAL TO MY—UM, *OUR* VICTORY!
YES, SUPREME ONE! WHEN THE METEORMASTER SPEAKS, WE OBEY!
BACK OVER TO MICKEY!
...SO YA SEE, I *HAFTA* GET THIS *HAMMER* TO MAGICIANEER GYRO GEARLOOSE NO MATTER WHAT!
IT'S TH' *ONLY* WAY TO BEAT TH' *METEORBEASTS!*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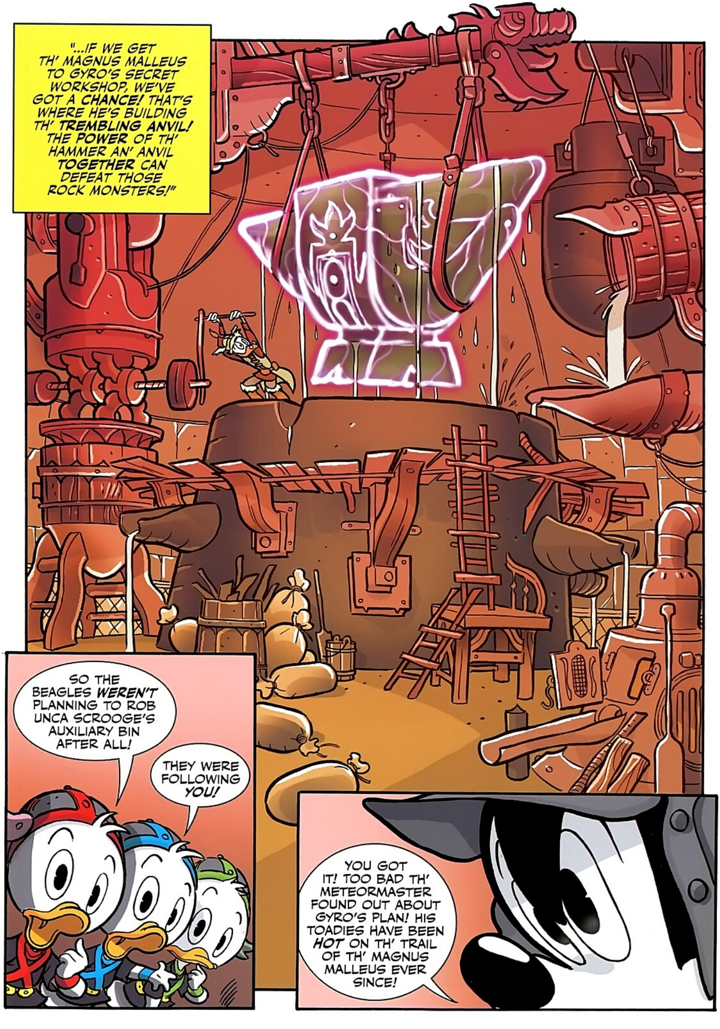
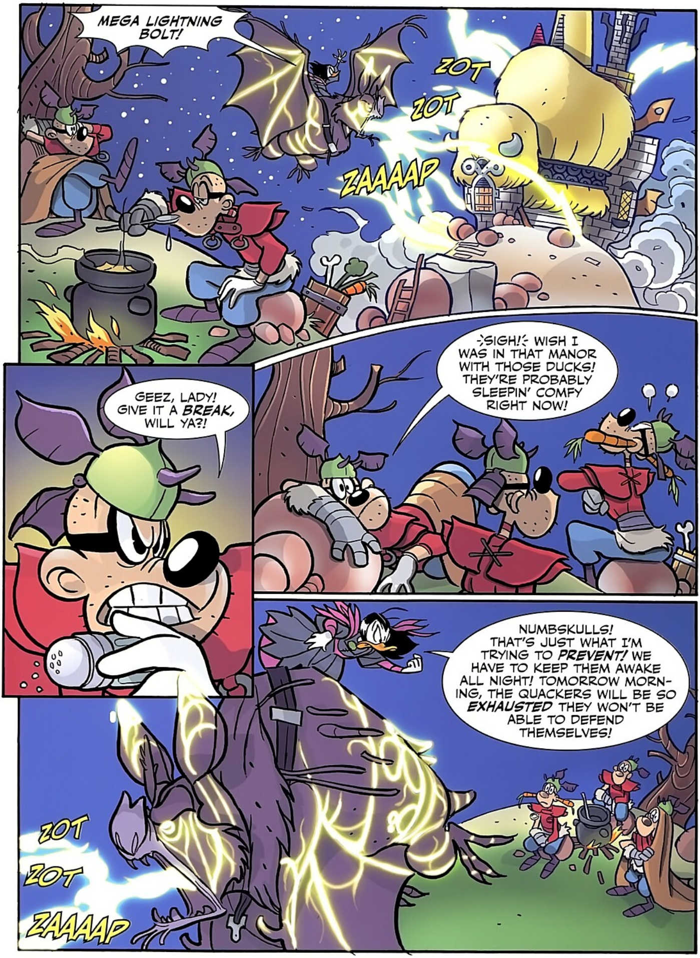
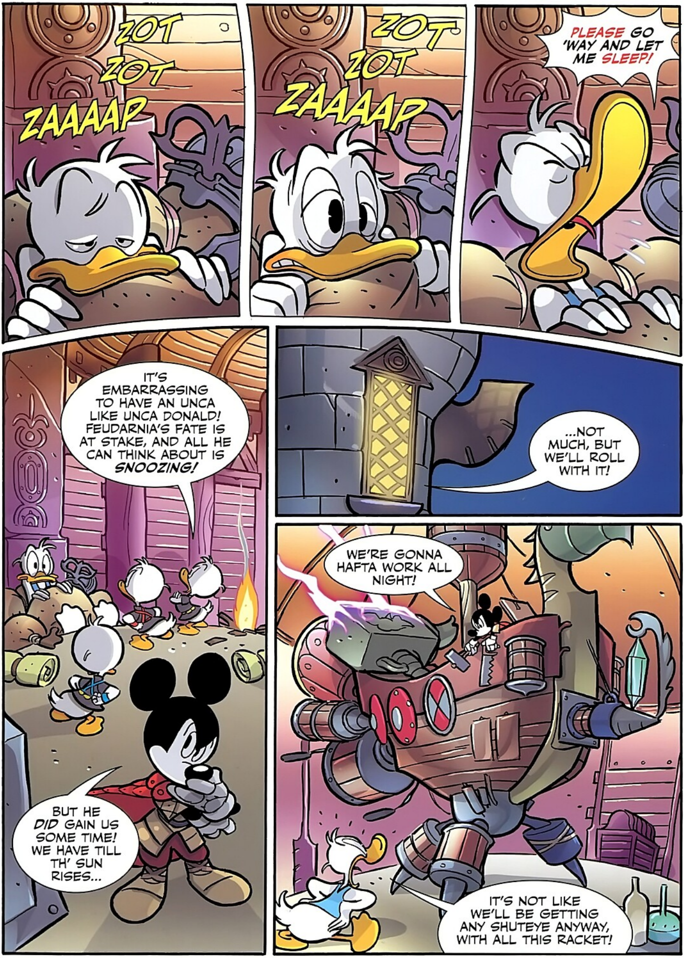
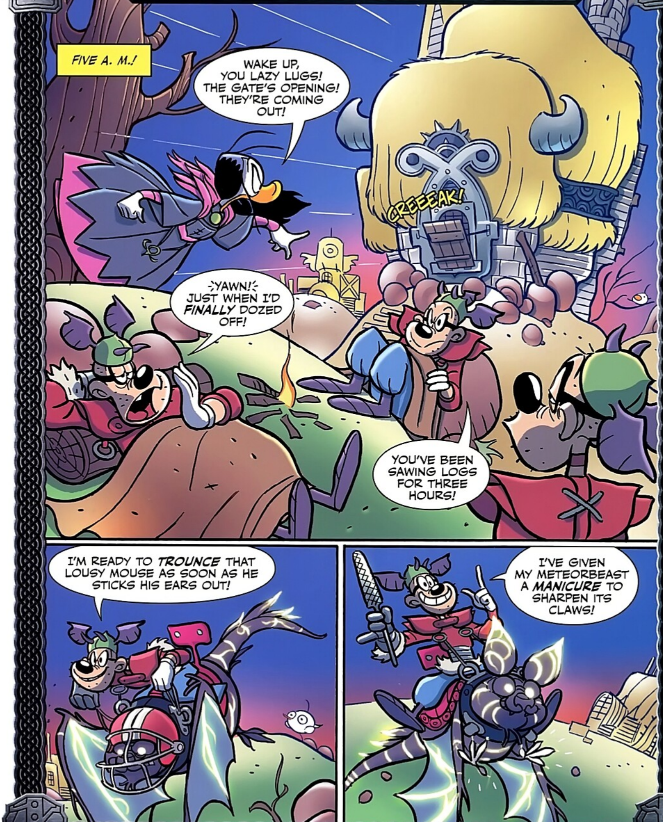
DON'T LISTEN TO UNCA DONALD! HE'S JUST JEALOUS 'CAUSE YOU'RE THE MOST FAMOUS BEASTBUSTER EVER!
SPEAKING OF WHICH... WILL YOU SIGN YOUR CARD FOR US?
SURE! NOW Y' SEE, FELLAS—THIS MAGNUS MALLEUS MIGHT LOOK LIKE A REGULAR HAMMER! BUT IT CONTAINS A SLIVER OF DRAGONITE...
"... TH' MYSTERIOUS ROCKY STUFF THOSE METEORBEASTS ARE MADE OF! ON ITS OWN, IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SAVE FEUDARNIA, BUT...

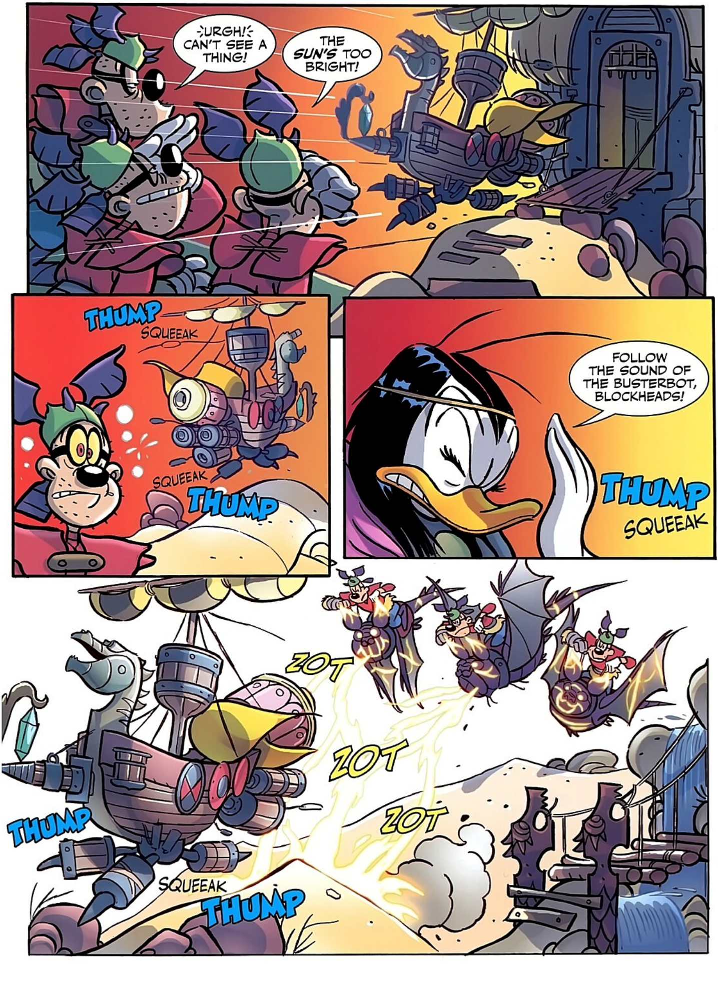

"...IF WE GET TH' MAGNUS MALLEUS TO GYRO'S SECRET WORKSHOP, WE'VE GOT A **CHANCE!** THAT'S WHERE HE'S BUILDING TH' **TREMBLING ANVIL!** THE **POWER** OF TH' HAMMER AN' ANVIL **TOGETHER** CAN DEFEAT THOSE ROCK MONSTERS!"
SO THE BEAGLES ***WEREN'T*** PLANNING TO ROB UNCA SCROOGE'S AUXILIARY BIN AFTER ALL!
THEY WERE FOLLOWING ***YOU!***
YOU GOT IT! TOO BAD TH' METEORMASTER FOUND OUT ABOUT GYRO'S PLAN! HIS TOADIES HAVE BEEN ***HOT*** ON TH' TRAIL OF TH' MAGNUS MALLEUS EVER SINCE!


MEGA LIGHTNING BOLT!
ZOT
ZOT
ZAAAAP
GEEZ, LADY! GIVE IT A *BREAK,* WILL YA?!
-SIGH!- WISH I WAS IN THAT MANOR WITH THOSE DUCKS! THEY'RE PROBABLY SLEEPIN' COMFY RIGHT NOW!
NUMBSKULLS! THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M TRYING TO *PREVENT!* WE HAVE TO KEEP THEM AWAKE ALL NIGHT! TOMORROW MORNING, THE QUACKERS WILL BE SO *EXHAUSTED* THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES!
ZOT
ZOT
ZAAAAP


ZOT
ZOT
ZAAAAP
ZOT
ZOT
ZAAAAP
PLEASE GO 'WAY AND LET ME *SLEEP!*
IT'S EMBARRASSING TO HAVE AN UNCA LIKE UNCA DONALD! FEUDARNIA'S FATE IS AT STAKE, AND ALL HE CAN THINK ABOUT IS *SNOOZING!*
BUT HE *DID* GAIN US SOME TIME! WE HAVE TILL TH' SUN RISES...
...NOT MUCH, BUT WE'LL ROLL WITH IT!
WE'RE GONNA HAFTA WORK ALL NIGHT!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL BE GETTING ANY SHUTEYE ANYWAY, WITH ALL THIS RACKET!

Chapter 3
THUNDER AT DAWN


FIVE A. M.!
WAKE UP, YOU LAZY LUGS! THE GATE'S OPENING! THEY'RE COMING OUT!
CREEEAK!
-YAWN!- JUST WHEN I'D *FINALLY* DOZED OFF!
YOU'VE BEEN SAWING LOGS FOR THREE HOURS!
I'M READY TO *TROUNCE* THAT LOUSY MOUSE AS SOON AS HE STICKS HIS EARS OUT!
I'VE GIVEN MY METEORBEAST A *MANICURE* TO SHARPEN ITS CLAWS!


URGH! CAN'T SEE A THING!
THE SUN'S TOO BRIGHT!
THUMP
SQUEEAK
SQUEEAK
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FOLLOW THE SOUND OF THE BUSTERBOT, BLOCKHEADS!
THUMP
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ZOT
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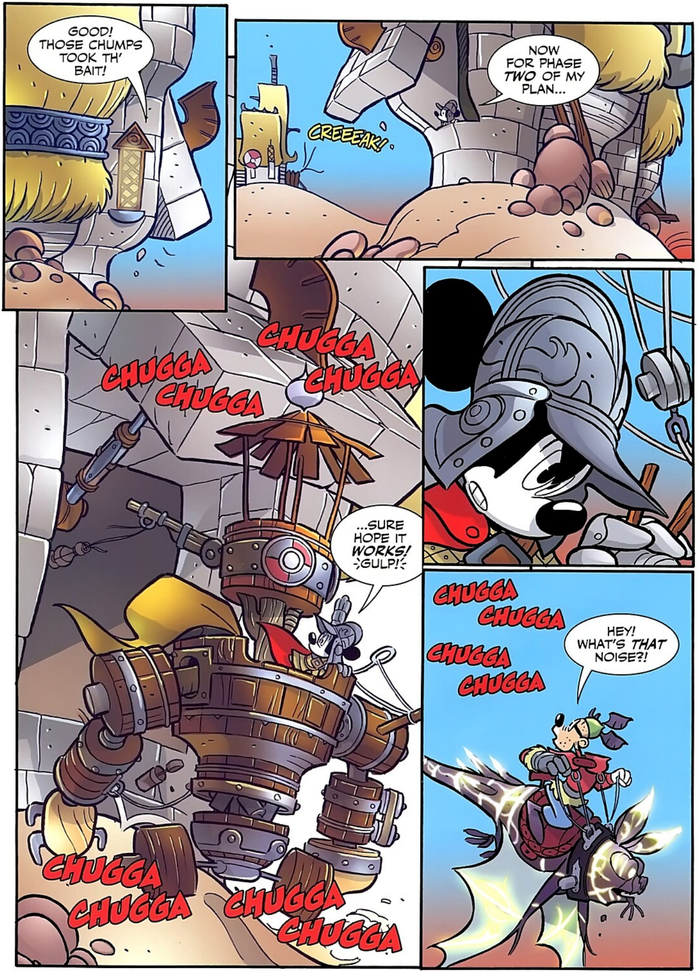
GOOD! THOSE CHUMPS TOOK TH' BAIT!
NOW FOR PHASE *TWO* OF MY PLAN...
CREEEAK!
CHUGGA CHUGGA
CHUGGA CHUGGA
...SURE HOPE IT *WORKS!* GULP!
CHUGGA CHUGGA
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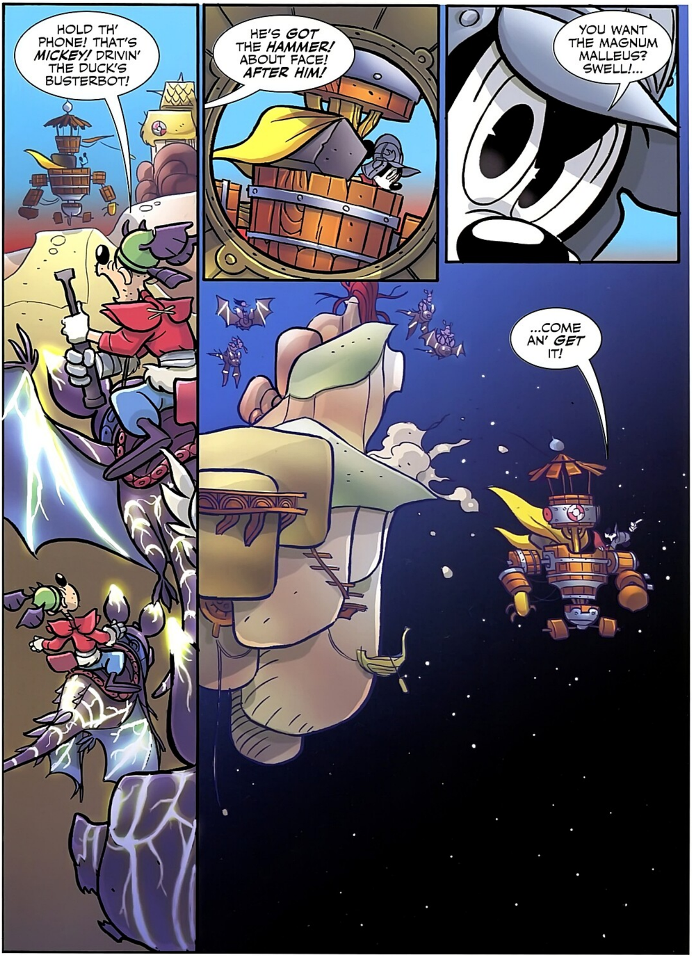
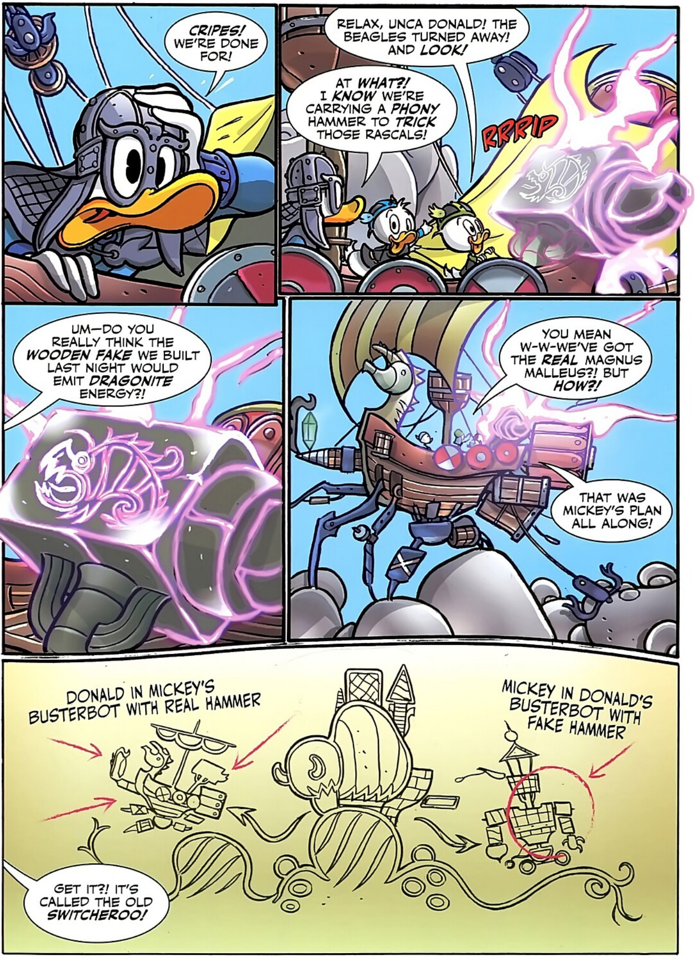
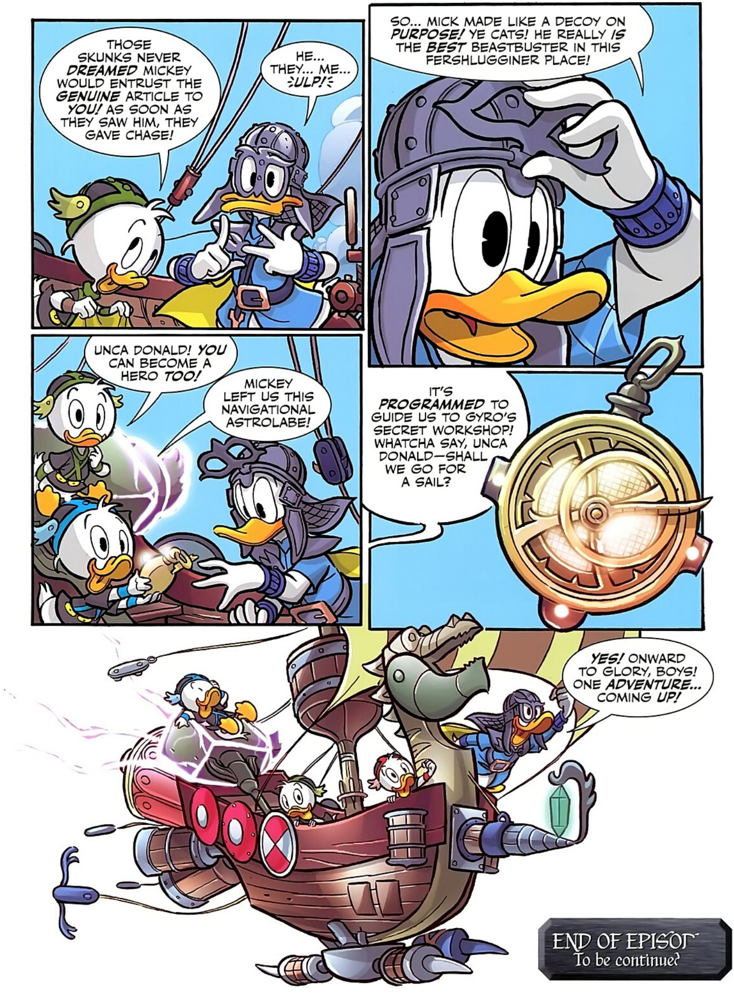
HEY! WHAT'S *THAT* NOISE?!


HOLD TH' PHONE! THAT'S *MICKEY!* DRIVIN' THE DUCK'S BUSTERBOT!
HE'S *GOT* THE *HAMMER!* ABOUT FACE! *AFTER HIM!*
YOU WANT THE MAGNUM MALLEUS? SWELL!...
...COME AN' *GET* IT!


CRIPES! WE'RE DONE FOR!
RELAX, UNCA DONALD! THE BEAGLES TURNED AWAY! AND LOOK!
AT WHAT?! I KNOW WE'RE CARRYING A PHONY HAMMER TO TRICK THOSE RASCALS!
RRRIP
UM—DO YOU REALLY THINK THE WOODEN FAKE WE BUILT LAST NIGHT WOULD EMIT DRAGONITE ENERGY?!
YOU MEAN W-W-WE'VE GOT THE REAL MAGNUS MALLEUS?! BUT HOW?!
THAT WAS MICKEY'S PLAN ALL ALONG!
DONALD IN MICKEY'S BUSTERBOT WITH REAL HAMMER
MICKEY IN DONALD'S BUSTERBOT WITH FAKE HAMMER
GET IT?! IT'S CALLED THE OLD SWITCHEROO!


THOSE SKUNKS NEVER *DREAMED* MICKEY WOULD ENTRUST THE *GENUINE* ARTICLE TO *YOU!* AS SOON AS THEY SAW HIM, THEY GAVE CHASE!
HE... THEY... ME... *ULP!*
SO... MICK MADE LIKE A DECOY ON *PURPOSE!* YE CATS! HE REALLY *IS* THE *BEST* BEASTBUSTER IN THIS FERSHLUGGINER PLACE!
UNCA DONALD! *YOU* CAN BECOME A HERO *TOO!*
MICKEY LEFT US THIS NAVIGATIONAL ASTROLABE!
IT'S *PROGRAMMED* TO GUIDE US TO GYRO'S SECRET WORKSHOP! WHATCHA SAY, UNCA DONALD—SHALL WE GO FOR A SAIL?
YES! ONWARD TO GLORY, BOYS! ONE *ADVENTURE...* COMING *UP!*
END OF EPISOD
To be continue?

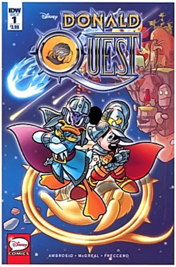
CROSSTALK

An Irregular Duckburg/Mouseton Update

From *Steamboat Willie* to Carl Barks' "Fantastic River Race," we Donald and Mickey fans love our adventures aboard ship. The schooners, the submarines, the pirates and the whitecaps—what's not to enjoy? The comets whooshing by as another alien beast is captured...

Hey, wait a minute! **Sea** stories aren't usually full of **space** aliens and **sky** phenomena... or are they?

Maybe you've guessed what's happening: an **amazing Disney Comics event** is here! Donald Duck's regular IDW title is replaced for this month, and the next four, with a wak-shattering substitute: *Donald Quest!*



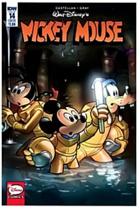
Plotted by modern Disney scribe Stefano Ambrosio, visually realized by IDW cover artist Andrea Freccero, and finessed in high "Duck English" by fan favorite writer Pat McGreal, this epic miniseries finds our Duckburg and Mouseton heroes living in the **parallel world of Feudarnia,** a barbarian realm in the stars! "Seaport" towns are built on islands in the sky—each managed by legendary locals, from **Uncle Scrooge to Gyro Gearloose**.

All Feudarnia is peaceful... until, like the sea monsters of Viking times, roving "Meteorbeasts" attack! Fierce giant animals made of magically enchanted stone, these flying mega-beasties are managed by "Meteormaster" Phantom Blot and his sinister helpers, Magica de Spell and the Beagle Boys! Feudarnia would be doomed—were it not for **wild robot sailing ships** like you've never seen: the **Busterbots**, and the ragtag resistance leaders riding them... the **Beastbusters!**

Every Duck has his day, and every Buster his own way of bashing Meteorbeasts and battling the Blot's forces. But from fumbling Fethry to overenthusiastic Mickey, no sky-sailor has yet tipped the battle toward the side of good. Until...

Wak! You guessed it—**Donald Duck, the most unlikely hero** in space history, is drawn into this boatman's nightmare and... against all odds, might even the odds!

And odd is the word for Donald's grand travails. Join us in a fantasy world where ships fly and rock rhinos run riot—a steampunk world Donald wants no part of... but it's too late!



And hey... once you're done with Chapter 1 of this sea-sky yarn, stick around for **more wild sailing sagas** in more IDW Disney titles! *Mickey Mouse* #14 brings us "Dark Mines of the Phantom Metal": a submarine story from modern Mouse master **Andrea "Casty" Castellan!** It's got buccaneers, Atlantean artifacts, and Mickey's wild archaeologist pal **Eurasia Toft** (come on, could we ever leave her out?).

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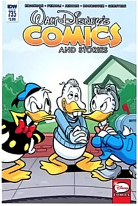
Or how about *Uncle Scrooge* #20? **"The Tyrant of the Tides"** is a secret bad guy who strikes right before Scrooge and **Ludwig Von Drake** sail off on a treasure hunt... hitting Ludwig with a strange weapon and turning him dottier than usual! Can Scrooge find a sunken technological marvel with a flipped-out first mate?

And—what's that? A little tired of ships and sailing? Hey, then we're here for you landlubbers, too. ***Walt Disney's Comics and Stories*** **#735** gives us three new tales that have *absolutely nothing to do* with boats! In Lars Jensen's "Gladstone and Disraeli," Donald's annoyingly lucky cousin Gladstone battles his even *more* annoying *second* cousin! Then master artist **Cèsar Ferioli** is back, pitting Mickey against a wrinkle in time-travel for "Future Imperfect"... and curry chef Donald against his own cookery skills in "You Vindaloo, You Lose a Few."



Because we *all* lose a few, sometimes. Even when we're on a quest!

—David Gerstein,
Archival Editor

FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

Ted Adams here. I'm going to be your monthly guide through the IDW/Top Shelf checklist, pointing out our big hits and bringing your attention to some gems that you might otherwise miss.

In the US, November is the month where we spend a weekend giving thanks. In the hustle bustle of publishing (and games and TV production), I don't have as much time as I should to thank the people who have contributed to IDW's growth. Nothing we do is possible without the amazing men and women who work so hard for the company. I'm surrounded by the best—and smartest—entertainment team in the business and I'm thankful for everyone who works here.

And while they aren't employees, we couldn't do anything without the writers, artists, colorists, game designers, actors, and directors who work with us. I'm not just thankful for the amazing work they do but also because so many of them have become members of the IDW family.

I'm also thankful for the comic shops and fans who have supported our work since we started publishing comic books so long ago with ***30 Days of Night*** #1. I've had the chance to get to know many of you and I'm grateful for the advice and feedback you give everyone at IDW. We—literally—can't do this without you.

Okay, on to our books, TV shows, and games. We're re-teaming with our friends at DC Comics to bring you ***Batman/Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Adventures*** #1 by **Matthew K. Manning** and **Jon Sommariva**. This all-new series brings the animated versions of these classic characters together for the first time and marks the return of ***Batman: The Animated Series*** to comics.

Speaking of animated characters, ***Donald Quest*** #1 by **Stefano Ambrosio** and **Pat McGreal** find Donald, Mickey and the gang in the steampunk warrior world of Feudarnia.

Our huge **Revolution** event concludes this month and the repercussions will continue to be felt in all of our Hasbro titles. November sees the launch of two new titles that are part of the new Hasbro shared universe—***Optimus Prime*** #1 by **John Barber** and **Kei Zama** and ***M.A.S.K.: MOBILE ARMORED STRIKE KOMMAND*** by **Brandon Easton** and **Tony Vargas**.

Please check out a new creator-owned book we're launching this month—***Yakuza Demon Killers,*** by **Amit Chauhan** and **Eli Powell**, where an art thief gets stuck between demons and the Yakuza.

Fred Van Lente and **Ryan Dunlavey** are taking their terrific ***Comic Book History of Comics*** graphic novel and are presenting it in full-color and in comic book format for the first time. I'm proud to say I discovered this book at a C2E2 show in Chicago many years ago and it's been one of my favorite books ever since.

Wynonna Earp creator **Beau Smith** is joined by the man who plays Doc Holliday himself, **Tim Rozon**, in ***Wynonna Earp Legends: Doc Holliday*** #1. You can even ask your retailer how to get a copy autographed by Tim. If you haven't checked out the ***Wynonna Earp*** TV show, it's available on iTunes and Amazon.

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WYNONNA EARP
LEGENDS: DOC HOLLIDAY

Speaking of IDW Entertainment TV shows, I hope you've had a chance to check out ***Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency***—it airs on BBC America on Saturday nights. We produced the show in a partnership with Ideate Media and AMC Studios and it stars **Sam Barnett** and **Elijah Wood**. Based on the **Douglas Adams** books and created for TV by **Max Landis**, I can guarantee you've never seen anything like it. And while you're at it, make sure to keep an eye out for ***Dirk Gently: The Salmon of Doubt*** #2 by **Arvind Ethan David** and **Ilias Kyriazis** which includes characters from the original books and the TV series.

THE PRINCESS BRIDE
A STORYBOOK TO COLOR

We've got a couple of fun coloring books this month—***John Byrne's Stowaway to the Stars***, with 24 all-new illustrations and accompanying prose story by my favorite comic book artist, and ***The Princess Bride***, with art by **Rachel Curtis** based on the classic movie.

IDW Games has a new card game on the shelves—***Mine All Mines!*** by **Daryl Andrews**. Two to five players will mine the caves of the rocky highlands and forge the materials they find into jewelry to please the Dwarf King. Will you keep the game friendly and work together or will you profit by picking the pockets of your friends instead?

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This month's **Artist's Edition** is ***America's Best Comics*** with art by **Arthur Adams**, **Hilary Barta**, **Gene Ha**, **Kevin Nowlan**, **Chris Sprouse**, **Rick Veitch**, **J.H. Williams III** and more. The ABC Line won 12 major Eisner Awards during its run and was created by **Alan Moore**. This is a who's who of great modern comic artists.

That's all the room I have, next month I'll be telling you about our return to **Joe Hill** and **Gabriel Rodriguez's** Keyhouse.

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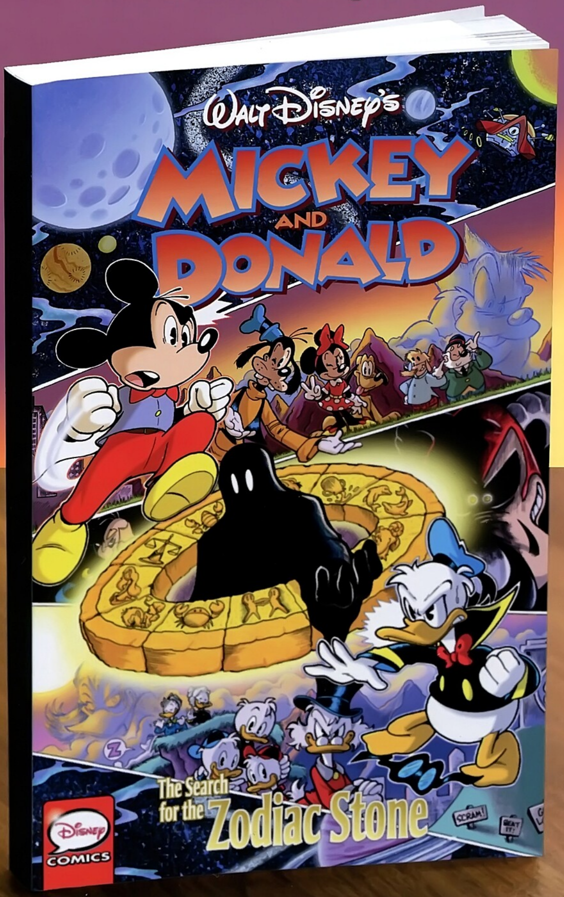
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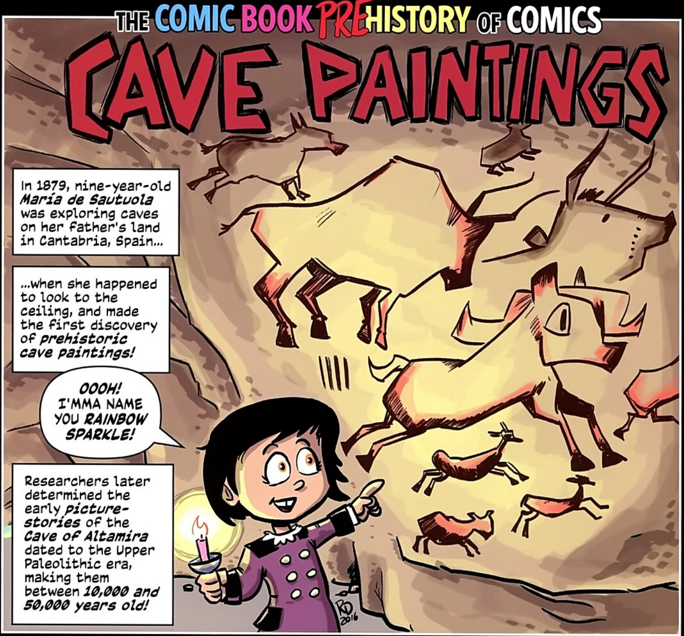
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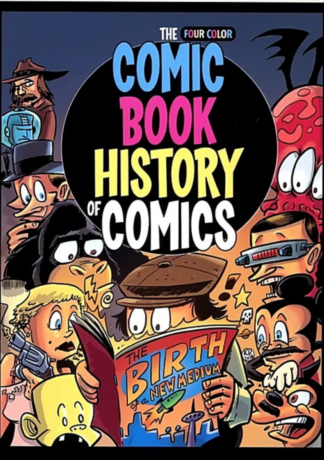
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